



Louisiana Crop Weather Summary

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CROP INFORMATION

Days suitable for fieldwork: 6.4
Soil moisture supplies: 27% very short, 41% short, 28% adequate and 4% surplus

Field Crops Report
Dry weather conditions persisted across the state slowing the planting of some crops. Spring plowing reached 96%, five points ahead of the five-year average. Corn reached 100% emerged. Rice producers applied herbicides to fields. Some rice fields experienced problems with colapsis and chinch bugs. Rice producers flooded their fields, flushing younger rice to offset seedling problems. Soybean planting was slowed due to dry conditions. Soybean and cotton producers were waiting on more rain to continue planting. Sugarcane was doing well despite the dry weather. Winter wheat turning color increased considerably, reaching 46%, 26 points ahead of the five-year average. Sorghum planted was 94% complete, 30 points ahead of the five-year average.

Fruits, Vegetables and Specialty Crops
Strawberry harvest continued. Citrus producers sprayed trees for insect and scab control. Vegetable producers continued planting and working crops, but they were in desperate need of rain. Crawfish producers were still getting good yields and nice size crawfish.

Livestock, Pasture and Range Report
As calving season continued, cattlemen cut hay. Some herbicide applications were applied to forages, but most cattlemen were waiting on rain to apply fertilizer. Rain and warmer conditions were needed to improve pasture growth.

PERCENT OF PROGRESS					
CROP	STAGE	Current Week	Last Week	2010	5 YR AVG
Land Preparation	Spring plowing	96	91	93	91
Corn	Emerged	100	98	99	97
Cotton	Planted	33	28	31	28
Hay	First Cutting	27	11	12	14
Rice	Planted	92	81	87	80
	Emerged	71	57	66	62
Sorghum	Planted	94	90	77	64
	Emerged	85	76	35	39
Soybeans	Planted	43	30	29	30
Winter Wheat	Headed	99	98	85	96
	Turning Color	46	4	1	20

CONDITIONS IN PERCENTAGES					
ITEM	VERY POOR	POOR	FAIR	GOOD	EXCELLENT
Corn	2	2	23	61	12
Sorghum	0	0	33	61	6
Rice	0	3	29	57	11
Sugarcane	3	16	32	34	15
Winter Wheat	0	4	22	67	7
Livestock	2	9	36	48	5
Vegetables	2	8	41	48	1
Pasture	5	21	39	32	3

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LOUISIANA WEATHER SUMMARY FROM 04/18/11 TO 04/24/11

	AIR				PRECIPITATION			
	TEMPERATURE				WEEKLY	FOUR	YR. TO	
	MAX	MIN	AVG	NRM	TOTAL	WEEKS	DATE	NORM
1. Northwest								
LSU-Bossier City	MM	MM	MM	65	0.00	1.63	8.67	17.33
Minden	90	(43)	75	65	0.15	2.56	10.59	19.07
Mooringsport	90	47	75	MM	0.00	1.92	10.88	15.82
Shreveport South	(92)	43	76	MM	0.00	1.45	9.43	MM.MM
Extreme/Average	92	43	75	66	0.05	1.98	10.01	17.65
2. North-Central								
LSU-Calhoun	90	46	72	65	1.53	3.46	11.09	20.11
Homer/Hill Farm	MM	MM	MM	64	1.29	3.07	12.44	19.29
Extreme/Average	90	46	72	66	1.53	MM.MM	MM.MM	20.19
3. Northeast								
Lake Providence	89	51	72	65	3.70	8.18	20.61	22.27
LSU-St Joseph	MM	MM	MM	67	0.00	3.69	19.45	21.92
Tallulah	88	58	75	66	2.25	7.00	21.01	21.80
Extreme/Average	89	51	72	66	3.70	8.18	20.61	21.76
4. West-Central								
Leesville	90	60	78	66	0.00	1.80	11.26	19.13
Ashland	91	45	75	64	0.00	0.44	10.10	19.28
Hodges Gardens	88	54	76	MM	0.00	0.86	10.81	18.96
Extreme/Average	91	45	76	66	0.00	1.03	10.68	18.95
5. Central								
Alexandria	91	53	76	67	0.00	2.33	12.33	20.69
Bunkie	89	55	77	67	0.00	2.41	11.47	21.55
Extreme/Average	91	53	77	68	0.00	2.41	11.47	20.70
6. East-Central								
LSU-Hammond	MM	MM	MM	67	0.00	1.56	15.05	22.40
Slidell	85	56	75	68	0.00	1.41	9.97	21.15
Extreme/Average	85	56	75	68	0.00	1.41	MM.MM	22.15
7. Southwest								
De Ridder	90	54	78	67	0.00	1.73	11.29	19.47
Jennings	88	55	77	68	0.00	1.08	11.45	17.53
LSU-Crowley	MM	MM	MM	69	0.00	0.35	9.42	18.21
Oberlin Fire Tow	89	60	77	69	0.00	1.48	9.81	20.52
Extreme/Average	90	54	77	69	0.00	1.41	11.45	17.72
8. South-Central								
Donaldsonville	88	51	75	69	0.00	4.05	11.63	19.87
LSU-Jeanerette	MM	MM	MM	68	0.00	0.59	7.69	17.66
Morgan City	85	54	72	69	0.00	1.00	7.19	18.23
Lafayette	88	53	77	69	0.00	1.05	10.85	19.19
Extreme/Average	88	51	75	69	0.00	2.03	9.89	18.55
9. Southeast								
Galliano	85	62	76	69	0.00	3.40	14.57	19.47
NO Audubon Park	90	64	79	70	0.00	0.36	7.62	19.49
Extreme/Average	90	62	77	70	0.00	3.40	MM.MM	20.01
State Averages	92	43	75	68	0.53	2.65	12.30	19.27

M = Missing () = Extremes Yr. To Date = Through April 24, 2011

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